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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name State Road 18 through Blackford County the "Colonel Kevin A. Ford Highway".

*Whereas, Colonel Kevin A. Ford is a hometown hero to the citizens of Blackford County and the state of Indiana;*

*Whereas, From August 28 to September 11, 2009, Colonel Ford served as pilot for Space Shuttle Mission STS-128 to the International Space Station (Construction Mission 17A);*

*Whereas, During his mission, Colonel Ford and the crew of the Space Shuttle completed 217 earth orbits in 13 days and 21 hours;*

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*Whereas, The purpose of Colonel Ford's mission to the International Space Station was to deliver the Multi-Purpose Logistics Module "Leonardo", filled with 15,000 pounds of science and storage racks, and a new Ammonia Tank Assembly, and to return a depleted tank along with the ISS EuTEF and MISSE experiments;*

*Whereas, Now that his Space Shuttle mission is completed, Colonel Ford will again serve as a flight communicator (or CAPCOM) and will join the ISS Operation Branch to work training, mission preparation, and mission execution issues for ISS crews, a position he held from January 2005 to July 2008, and will act as a liaison with the astronauts in space;*

*Whereas, Born July 7, 1960, in Portland, Colonel Ford calls Montpelier his home town;*

*Whereas, Colonel Ford is married to the former Kelly Bennett, and Colonel and Mrs. Ford have two children, Anthony and Heidi;*

*Whereas, A graduate of Blackford High School, Colonel Ford received his bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Notre Dame, a master of science in international relations from Troy State University, a master of science in aerospace engineering from the University of Florida, and a Ph.D. in astronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology; and*

*Whereas, Colonel Kevin A. Ford is a pioneer searching out, on behalf of his fellow citizens of the world, new knowledge that can be used to help mankind: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2           acknowledges the many contributions Colonel Kevin A. Ford has made
- 3           to his state and to his nation. It is fitting that some special recognition
- 4           be given this outstanding individual.
- 5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6           Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Colonel Kevin A.



- 1 Ford and his family and the commissioner of the Indiana Department
- 2 of Transportation.

